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The glory of Sullivan was not wholly departed when he could stand off a sheriff and a big crowd the other day in Connecticut. But then John L. is the biggest card in his circus.

RUSIA declares that after December 17 she will let the Bulgarians do as they please. If this means anything the Russian bear will have swallowed the Bulgarian lamb before that momentous day.

THERE is talk in the inner circles of New York City politics to pit Sunset Cox against Chauncey Depew for mayor. Should Mr. Depew accept to run on the republican ticket, he would not have to sacrifice his salary of \$50,000 a year as president of the New York Central.

THE trick of the London Times to injure the Irish cause by besmirching Mr. Parnell's character did not work. The plucky leader of home rule promptly and effectively exploded all the false accusations brought against him by the Tory sheet. Now the Times is the laughing stock of all England.

It is had enough when a can of tainted meat is about to be offered for sale by a leading packing company and stopped only by the intervention of the meat inspector. It is about time that in addition to the confiscation of the unfit food, that the parties offering it for sale be subject to a heavy fine.

A RIDICULOUS proposition evolved in the fertile brain of one of our contemporaries is the abolition of all personal tax. This brilliant genius does not know that our state constitution expressly requires the taxation of all property, real or personal. Perhaps he is able to amend the constitution by a city ordinance.

It is significant that England is now building large canals between her trade centers, Liverpool and Manchester and Liverpool and Birmingham. In this country canal building is said to be out of date and represents little more than a waste of money. But the activity of English capitalists in extending their internal water ways in a thickly populated region is a strong argument in favor of maintaining that cheap means of transportation even in America.

A MOST peculiar state of affairs exists in East St. Louis. In years gone by that town kept on borrowing money for public improvements with the expectation that in the future it would be one of the metropolitan cities of the west. But instead of growing East St. Louis has dwindled down to a struggling village while its indebtedness has swelled to enormous proportions. In addition to the heavy interest on the principal, a judgment of several hundred thousand dollars is pending owing to a recent decision of the courts. To meet these accruing obligations, a special levy of 18 per cent on the taxable property is necessary. Such a levy would result in virtual confiscation of the homes of the poorer classes. The only way out of the dilemma seems to be for the city to go into voluntary bankruptcy and through a receiver make a settlement with its creditors. East St. Louis presents a sad example of reckless discounting of futures.

THERE is a very favorable promise that the lockout in the iron trade will be of short duration. Thus far nineteen firms, including some of the largest mills in the country, have signed the scale submitted by the Amalgamated association, and it is not doubted that most of the others will promptly follow, so that very likely before the end of the present month the large majority of the mills will again be in active operation. This is an outlook upon which all parties in interest are to be congratulated, and it should be remarked that the favorable change from the very threatening situation of ten days ago is the result of judicious mutual concessions. It would have been a very serious matter if all attempts to effect a settlement had failed. The closing of factories that employ over one hundred thousand workmen would have been well nigh a national disaster. There is now reasonable assurance that the great iron industry of the country will have another year of prosperity.

## Reserve Judgment.

The arrest of several alleged members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, on the charge of being engaged in a plot to damage and destroy the property of the Burlington railroad company by the use of dynamite, is being commented upon by the newspapers of Chicago and elsewhere in a way calculated to impress the public with the belief that there has really been such a plot, and that the men arrested are guilty. The manager of the Burlington has not been sparing of effort to encourage this impression, and to involve the officials of the Brotherhood in the alleged conspiracy.

This way of prejudging the men under arrest, and of attempting to criminate them men whose character should guard them against the slightest suspicion of giving any countenance to vandalism and anarchist methods in any form, will be condemned by all fair-minded people. It is unquestionably true that the circumstances appear to be somewhat against one or two of the arrested men, but they may be able to easily clear these away when they are brought to trial. As to the officials of the Brotherhood whom it is sought to implicate, they most pointedly and vigorously deny having any knowledge of a plot of the character alleged, and assert that they have always been opposed to violence. In the present aspect of the matter their statements are at least as worthy of regard as those of the manager of the Burlington, who has an obvious motive in making his allegations as sweeping as he dares to. Prompted by detectives, whose business it is to present matters in the worst possible light, it is not difficult to understand that the Burlington manager should conclude, even if he were not quite willing to do so, that the entire Brotherhood of locomotive engineers, from Chief Arthur to the last member admitted, was in a great conspiracy to destroy the property under his control.

People who are disposed to be fair and just will reserve judgment regarding this matter until it has been judicially investigated, and especially will they discredit until disproved all allegations involving the Brotherhood as an organization or any of its trusted officials. It is possible, and not altogether improbable, that a judicial sitting will show that the alleged plot is more of a detective than a dynamite conspiracy.

The colored voter and democracy.

The democratic party will receive the votes of some colored men next November. There are voters among the race enfranchised by the republican party who refuse to acknowledge the debt of gratitude they owe to that party, and affiliate with the political organization that has never been otherwise than unfriendly to the negro as a race. Those who do this are not a very numerous body, and they are for the most part fellows who want office. The fact that the present administration has retained a few colored men in public positions and appointed a few others to places is the ground upon which these colored democrats rest their professed faith in the friendly disposition of the democratic party toward their race and their hope of some time or other receiving the reward of their support of democracy.

These colored democrats are already making themselves somewhat conspicuous. They are seen bobbing up here and there with announcements of their adherence to democracy. A few colored clubs have been organized to labor for the democratic cause. Unquestionably they will not fail to receive hearty encouragement from the party managers. They may not be allowed to dip deeply into the campaign funds, but there will be no lack of promises to stimulate their zeal. It is not improbable that they will make some converts, strange as it is that any colored man of fair intelligence should vote the democratic ticket.

The colored voter who allies himself with the democracy is not only a political ingrate, but he does a wrong to his entire race. The moral effect of his conduct, even if it has no other consequence, is damaging to the cause in behalf of the rights of his race, denied in nearly one-third of the states of the union. The colored man who espouses democracy, thereby condones, so far as he is concerned, the outrages that have been committed against his people in the south, constituting one of the most repellent chapters in American political history. Instead of the protest which every colored man in the nation should utter against the wrongs and abuses inflicted upon his race in the south, each one who goes into the democratic camp virtually acquiesces the democracy of all responsibility for its refusal to do justice under the constitution and laws to the negro. He aids the encouragement of such outrages as given the present year the country was within an example of at Jackson, Miss., where an organization headed and managed by democratic federal officials kept every colored voter away from the polls. The negroes who by their labor unwillingly helped the confederacy, did less to the injury of their race than is being done by those who are at this time supporting the democratic party, dominated as it is by its southern wing.

The colored voter who believes that the democracy can ever become sincerely friendly to his race, or will ever voluntarily concede its political rights, is the victim of a delusion. The character, traditions and policy of that party forbid its ever willingly doing justice to the negro or feeling any honest concern for his interests or welfare. There is nothing more certain than that the permanent ascendancy of the democratic party in the government would mean the destruction of the political right given the negro by the fifteenth amendment, which is now practically a dead letter in every southern state.

Didn't know it was loaded.

Our amiable neighbor on lower Douglas has a happy faculty of opening his mouth at the wrong time and putting his foot in it. Its attack on County Attorney Simeral, over the shoulders of Commissioner Mount, and its loud call for Mr. Simeral to push to the wall the purchasers of the county poor farm lots,

hits its foremost champion, Councilman Hassall square between the eyes. If our vivacious neighbor has a bone to pick with the county attorney because the latter has been employed in a suit against him, had taken the trouble to look into the records, it would have discovered that Isaac S. Hassall is the principal delinquent in the county poor farm lots. Mr. Hassall only paid twenty-five dollars apiece on most of these lots and might be made to forfeit what he has paid, but we doubt whether Mr. Simeral, or any other attorney, could compel him to plank down the cash for deferred payments unless he was disposed to do so. The truth of the matter is that most of the purchasers of these lots expected to realize a handsome profit on them without investing their own money. The trivial payment which the commissioners accepted as first payment was a bait to speculators, and this short-sighted policy is chiefly responsible for the shortage in the county treasury from these sales.

We hope Mr. Hassall will set our neighbor right. In the interest of harmony. The public will accept an apology when advised that the verdant cadet didn't know it was loaded.

Clerical Claims.

Douglas county has a rather unfortunate situation in regard to its clerks, who either regard their fees taken by themselves as their own, or else labor under hereditary misunderstanding with regard to what part of the monies collected by them belonged to them and what belonged to the county. This has been a peculiar aberration ever since Mr. Louis S. Reed vacated the office. Mr. Reed never had any trouble in ascertaining what part of the funds collected by him were his own and what belonged to the county, and his successors ought not to have had.

The fact that one of these clerks was notoriously an embezzler was given immunity from criminal prosecution because he was prostrated by cramp colic, superinduced by fright, has had a tendency to prolong this habitual misunderstanding of the law in the clerk's office.

The Motionless Motor.

We do not want to tramp upon a man when he is down. We are aware that Dr. Mercer has had a very hard time of it since the contraction of the real estate boom, and his consequent inability to raise the wind to propel his motor. It is very unfortunate both for him and the community, who had reason to hope for better transit facilities. Harassing injunctions may be largely responsible for the failure of Dr. Mercer's motor to materialize, but the lack of means to carry out the project has had a great deal more to do with it.

The obstruction of certain thoroughfares by motor tracks which connect with nothing and lead to nowhere, has been patiently submitted to, even though it had for months been an unmitigated nuisance. But when the Motor company caps the climax by playing dog in the manger, and plants itself in the way of other lines that mean business, forbearance ceases to be a virtue.

DURING the past year Italian immigration to America has been unusually heavy. It is estimated that fully 15,000 of these people have been brought from their homes since January last and that fully two-thirds of them are without work and on the verge of starvation. The cause of this wholesale emigration of the pauper class of Italy has been due to the rivalry of the steamship companies between New York and Genoa. They have not only made a low rate but have been offering as much as three dollars a head premium to agents to secure emigrants from the overcrowded Italian towns. The result has been for these agents to lure thousands of their countrymen into the United States and leave them to their fate. The Italian government as well as the authorities of the state of New York have had their attention called to this abuse. Steps are being taken to prevent this shameful traffic in men which to all appearance is not far removed from the trade in Mongolian coolies.

BY the waters of Babylon a party of American explorers propose to sit and dig. The colony may be reinforced in November by two eminent democrats who will sit and weep.

STATE AND TERRITORY

Nebraska Jottings.

Fremont subscribers can now hello at 125 telephones.

The Fremont canning factory began the season's work this week on the bean crop.

Burglars tried to blow a safe at Humphrey the other night but failed and had to be satisfied with a few loose articles of merchandise.

The United States land office at Neligh is at present taking in an average of \$3,000 per day interest money on Winnebago Indian lands.

Highway robbers are at work at Wood River and compelled Billy Mangham to throw up his hands the other night. But they only got \$2 and a wound.

Grace Ferguson, a Plattsmouth young lady, can now wear one size smaller shoes. She has had one of her toes cut off to get rid of a troublesome corn.

All the effects of the Nebraska land office reached O'Neill last week, and a rousing reception with a brass band greeted their coming. The office does not open for business until the 15th.

Judge Mechem, of Cambridge, who has been an invalid all his life, held a public debate with Elder Mills the other night and was so badly vanquished that he acknowledged defeat and declared his belief in the bible.

A two-year-old child of C. W. Wilson, of Auburn, was bitten on the leg by a rattlesnake last week, but its life was saved by Dr. Opperman, who served in the capacity of a lawyer and sucked the blood and poison from the wound.

Joe Hall, who in the early days of Antelope county ran a saloon at Oakdale and was the leader of a desperate gang of outlaws, was given up his evil ways and is now a worker in the vineyard of the Lord at Lisbon, La. Hall's real name is F. J. Simmons, and he has "killed his past" several times.

Rev. D. S. Davis, of York, sustained severe if not fatal injuries last week while bringing a bull into the city. He was riding a horse, when the bull became unruly and charged upon the horse and rider. The horse was fatally gored and fell with Mr. Davis under him, the gentleman receiving severe internal injuries.

While a farmer named Peterson, living near Auburn, was watering a mule, which he tied to the well curb, his little four-year-old son, Donald, climbed upon the mule on the other side. The mule became frightened, pulled back and upset the curb, and the little boy fell to the bottom of the well—a distance of forty-two feet. Mr. Peterson at once descended into the well and with the assistance

of the wife who handled a rope, succeeded in getting the little fellow out alive, though he was so badly fractured that it can hardly be expected that he will live.

Iowa.

Two young ladies were detected last week peddling the streets of Duple dressed in imitations.

Stephen Hannagan, of Highland township, was kicked into the hereafter by a freight train last evening.

James Wallace, father of John Wallace, the famous dairyman of Kossuth county, died last Wednesday, aged eighty-one years.

Four boys were seriously injured and disfigured for life at Denison on the Fourth by the explosion of seventeen pounds of powder which they were carrying. A carelessly exploded cracker did the mischief.

As the result of a runaway last Friday evening at Little Sioux Miss Carrie Whiting had her collar bone broken and George Hope had an arm severely injured. It is to be feared that the young man's arm was not previously out of place.

An extraordinary case is reported from North English, being that of a child born on the 21st inst. with a stomach and bowels on the outside of its abdomen, without any covering whatever, the esophagus passing out at the umbilical aperture at the center of the abdomen. The child was absent. The child otherwise was in a natural condition and lived thirty-six hours.

Dakota.

The insane asylum at Yankton is full and all the crazy people in the territory are not confined there.

The democrats elected the county superintendent of schools in Hanson county by a majority of 3 in a vote of 444.

Tom Miller, a saloonkeeper at Deadwood, is now in jail for having kept a few days ago and neglected to pay his debts.

A child of Alf Carlson, of Taylor township, Hanson county, was killed by the flying train on a branch line of the Northern.

One hundred men are now at work on the waterworks at Watertown, and dirt will soon fly on the motor line from the city to Lake Koshong.

A Miss Cook, the victim of last January's blizzard in which she lost a part of each foot, has sufficiently recovered to be elected Mercer county's superintendent of schools.

A young man recently smelled escaping gas in the new Baptist church at Fargo and lit a match to find the leak. An explosion followed, doing considerable damage to the church. The leader of the leak was not much hurt.

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